

Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)

Weller
Whitfield

Wilson (OH)
Woolsey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1910

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit this statement for the RECORD and regret that I was not present to vote on rollcall vote Nos. 961, 962, and 963. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall vote No. 961 on H. Res. 738 expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Government of Syria's continued interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon; "yea" on rollcall vote No. 962 on H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office"; and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 963 on H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106 AND H. RES. 610

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor from H. Res. 106 and H. Res. 610.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor from H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for my name to be removed as a cosponsor of H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor for H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the rules of the House do not allow me to remove myself from cosponsor at this time of H.R. 811, but this statement serves that I am not to be perceived as a cosponsor of this bill at this time.

OVERRIDING THE VETO ON SCHIP

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in a little less than 72 hours, this House will have the opportunity to make one of the most definitive and powerful stands for the Nation's children.

Let me go on record by indicating that this Nation has over a period of time mistreated her children. Now we have the opportunity to insure millions of children with health coverage through the SCHIP program, a program now that has seen itself last for a decade of success in preventing devastating health conditions for young children.

I know this because just last week I visited St. Joseph's Hospital, the neonatal unit. We heard stories from young mothers talk about children who have been saved and, yes, talk about those who have not been saved because they could not enroll in the SCHIP program.

Why in the world would we suffer a veto to deny our children a mere \$35 billion to cover them for preventative health care?

I ask my colleagues to overturn this veto, and I join the Congressional Black Caucus to ensure that that happens. The fight is for our children. We cannot yield.

□ 1915

GOD & CENSORSHIP

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, good news. That which has been removed has been returned. That which has been censored is censored no more. Let me explain.

The Architect of the Capitol took it upon himself to remove references of God from the official certificates that accompany flags that are flown over the Capitol. These flags and certificates are given to schools, citizens, and the military. Some Members of Congress, for example, request the words "God" and "Country" to be incorporated into the certificate. However, the word "God" was unilaterally stricken and censored from the document by the Architect. But those days are over. The Architect will now allow the word "God" on such certificates.

The national motto is "In God We Trust." We pledge allegiance saying "one Nation under God." Our history is based upon a belief in the Supreme Being. And much of this Capitol has references to the Almighty.

Mr. Speaker, many Americans are tired of paranoia government censorship of God, and consider attempts to remove God from America a violation of their constitutional rights. Thank God.

And that's just the way it is.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

IRAQ WAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, Members, last Friday, Retired Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, who led U.S. forces in Iraq following the invasion in